

# Missouri State Board of Education

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION October 26-27, 2015

The Missouri State Board of Education met on October 26-27, 2015 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Present: Charlie Shields, President  
Vic Lenz, St. Louis, Vice President  
Joe Driskill, Jefferson City, Member (Tuesday)  
Peter Herschend, Branson, Member  
Mike Jones, St. Louis, Member  
John Martin, Kansas City, Member  
Russell Still, Columbia, Member  
Maynard Wallace, Thornfield, Member (Monday)  
Margie Vandeven, Commissioner of Education  
Robin Barbour, Executive Assistant  
Deputy Commissioners Ron Lankford and Stacey Preis  
Assistant Commissioners Stephen Barr, Leigh Ann Grant  
Engle, Paul Katnik, Jeanne Loyd and Chris Neale; Bill  
Thornton, General Counsel; Robin Coffman, Chief of Staff;  
and Sarah Potter, Communications Coordinator

No. 12650  
Public Hearing  
(10/26/2015)

President Charlie Shields called the public hearing regarding the Missouri Learning Standards to order at 1:04 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015. The roll was called. Those present were: Mr. Herschend, Dr. Lenz, Dr. Martin, Mr. Shields, Mr. Still, and Mr. Wallace. Although not able to be present at roll call, Mr. Jones attended the hearing. The hearing was held in the State Board of Education meeting room on the first floor of the Jefferson State Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri.

President Shields outlined the format of the public hearing. Committee reports were heard from each of the work groups. Following those reports,

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public testimony was heard from the following: Mary Byrne, Toni Becker, Tonya Long, Liza Meredith, Liz Morrison, Van Harvey, Bob Miller, Carrie Launius, Mike Szdlowski, Gretchen Logue, Anne Gassel, Donna Hearne, Nick Kremer, Julie Thomas, Lou Ann Saighman, and Ralf Trusty. The public hearing adjourned at 3:29 p.m. (Exhibit 1)

No. 12651  
Call to Order  
(10/26/2015)

President Charlie Shields called the meeting of the Missouri State Board of Education to order at 3:47 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2015. The meeting was held in the State Board of Education meeting room on the first floor of the Jefferson State Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri.

No. 12652  
Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Dr. Martin, to approve the agenda for the October 26-27, 2015 meeting of the State Board of Education, as presented.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7)

No. 12653  
Minutes

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015 and October 19, 2015 State Board of Education meetings, as presented.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7)

No. 12654  
Closed Session  
(10/26/2015)

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Mr. Jones, to go into closed session. A roll call vote was called.

Vote: Yes Herschend, Jones, Lenz, Martin, Shields, Still, Wallace

No. 12655  
Consideration of  
Adoption of a  
Resolution in  
Honor of Linda  
Glasgow,  
Missouri  
Teacher of the  
Year  
(10/27/2015)

It was moved by Dr. Lenz, seconded Dr. Martin, to adopt the following resolution in honor of Linda Glasgow, Missouri Teacher of the Year:

Whereas, Linda Glasgow has been selected as Missouri's Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016 and will represent nearly 68,000 public school teachers across the state in the National Teacher of the Year Program; and

Whereas, Ms. Glasgow has taught elementary education since 1987 at John Nowlin Elementary School in Blue Springs, where she is recognized as a superior teacher who has mastered the art of differentiating instruction for all of her students; and

Whereas, Ms. Glasgow strives to ensure her students gain the knowledge and skills they need for the future by creating a classroom culture that nurtures curiosity, promotes respect, honors best efforts, encourages creativity and risk taking, builds self-confidence, and values individual strengths in a safe learning environment; and

Whereas, Ms. Glasgow works collaboratively and tirelessly with parents to best meet the needs of each unique student and discovers new ways to ensure her students' success; and

Whereas, Ms. Glasgow is committed to her own professional learning and that of her colleagues, giving her time to writing curriculum and serving as Building Teacher Mentor; and

Whereas, Ms. Glasgow understands the important relationship between a school and the community it serves and reaches out to establish effective partnerships between the two to promote excellence in education; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Missouri State Board of Education formally commends Linda Glasgow on her selection as Missouri's Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016, and extends its congratulations to Ms. Glasgow, her students and the Blue Springs R-IV School District; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board expresses its deep appreciation to Ms. Glasgow for her commitment to excellence in teaching and for her outstanding service to her students, school district, community, and public education in Missouri.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 2)

No. 12656  
President's  
Report  
(10/27/2015)

President Shields reported that the Board members attended the Teacher of the Year banquet Monday evening to recognize Missouri's teacher of the year, Linda Glasgow, and the finalists for the award.

Dr. Martin reported that he attended a MASA meeting in Kansas City with Commissioner Vandeven. He also attended the State Board panel discussion at the Missouri School Boards' Association annual conference.

Mr. Still reported that he, too, attended the State Board panel discussion at the Missouri School Boards' Association annual conference.

Dr. Lenz reported he attended a luncheon for former board members of the Lindbergh School District, a Normandy Schools Collaborative board meeting, a joint meeting of MASA and MSBA, two (2) Normandy Community Forums, the Missouri School Boards' Association annual conference and State Board panel discussion, a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Lindbergh elementary school, a ribbon cutting for the new Lindbergh Early Childhood Education building, and the St. Louis Superintendents' round table.

Mr. Driskill reported that he attended the State Board panel discussion at the Missouri School Boards' Association annual conference. He also attended a National Math and Science Initiative meeting. He indicated he plans to begin visiting schools.

Mr. Jones reported he also attended the State Board panel discussion at the Missouri School Boards' Association annual conference.

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President's  
Report  
(cont.)  
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Mr. Herschend reported he has been working with David Hough, Missouri State University (MSU) College of Education, about the leadership training program in place at MSU.

No. 12657  
NASBE Report  
(10/27/2015)

Dr. Lenz reported he attended NASBE's Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. He also attended a forum prior to the start of the conference that highlighted Missouri's equity plan.

NASBE's 2016 annual conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

No. 12658  
Closed Session

Mr. Still moved that a closed session, with a closed record and closed vote be held during the meeting of the State Board of Education on November 30-December 1, 2015, as posted by the Executive Assistant, to consider the following:

1. Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or legal work product relating to the State Board of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, as well as any confidential or privileged communications between those entities and legal counsel;
2. Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of employees of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education;
3. Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment; and
4. Other records protected from disclosure by law.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Martin and carried.

Vote: Yes Driskill, Herschend, Jones, Lenz, Martin, Shields,  
Still

Following such affirmative vote, the vote of each Board member on the question of holding the closed meeting, closed record and closed vote

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Closed Session  
(cont.)  
(10/27/2015)

and the statutory reason therefore was announced publicly by the Executive Assistant.

It was moved by Mr. Still to direct the Executive Assistant to prepare, post, and make available to the news media notice of such closed meeting, notice of the closed record, and closed vote as required by law, and that a copy of such notice be filed with the minutes of the meeting which it announces.

Motion was seconded by Dr. Martin and carried.

(Yes: 7)

No. 12660  
Consent  
Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Consideration of Personnel Report (Exhibit 3)

Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Summary (Exhibit 4)

Consideration of Investment Transactions by Central Bank for Trust Funds (Exhibit 5)

Motion carried. (Yes: 7)

No. 12661  
Missouri  
Performance  
Assessments:  
Development  
and  
Consideration  
of Qualifying  
Scores

It was moved by Dr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the Missouri Qualifying Score of 41 for the Missouri School Leaders Performance Assessment (MoSLPA) beginning on August 31, 2015. The Office of Educator Quality will closely monitor the results of the MoSLPA during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6) (Exhibit 6)

No. 12662  
Consideration of  
Compliance of  
Charter School  
Proposal:  
Citizens of the  
World – Kansas  
City  
(10/27/2015)

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Mr. Jones, to authorize Citizens of the World – Kansas City to commence operations pursuant to the charter granted by the Missouri Charter Public School Commission for five (5) years, effective for the 2016-17 school year.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 7)

After the vote of this item, President Shields invited members of the Missouri Charter Public School Commission present at the meeting to the table to discuss the work of the Commission. Commissioner members present were: Delbert Scott, Alicia Herald, Susan Cole, John Wright, and Peggy Taylor. It was suggested that the State Board and the Missouri Charter Public School Commission meet jointly on an annual basis.

No. 12663  
Consideration to  
Discipline the  
License to  
Teach of Joshua  
G. Chism, #14-  
071

It was moved by Mr. Still, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to suspend Joshua G. Chism's certificate of license to teach from May 31, 2016 through July 31, 2016. After some discussion, Mr. Herschend called the question. Mr. Driskill abstained from the vote of this item.

Motion carried. (Yes: 6) (Exhibit 8)

No. 12664  
Consideration to  
Discipline the  
License to  
Teach of Adam  
G. Blackwell, #  
14-098

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Dr. Martin, to suspend Adam G. Blackwell's certificate of license to teach for two (2) years.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 9)

No. 12665  
Consideration of  
Appeal by Raed  
A. Abuhamda of  
the Denial of  
Certification

Based on the fact that there is no new evidence which would merit reconsideration of the Department's decision to uphold the denial of Mr. Abuhamda's application for a Missouri substitute certificate of license to teach, it was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Mr. Jones, to deny Raed A. Abuhamda's application.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 10)

No. 12666  
Consideration of  
Disciplinary  
Actions by  
Stipulation  
(10/27/2015)

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to accept the following settlement agreements submitted by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Ashley M. Pate (15-031), revoke certificate of license to teach; and Marion E. Trent (15-034), accept surrender of certificates of license to teach.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7) (Exhibit 11)

No. 12667  
Reports  
(10/27/2015)

The following reports were presented to the State Board of Education on October 27, 2015:

- Update on the Calculation of the 2015 Annual Performance Report (Exhibit 12)
- Status Report on Riverview Gardens School District (Exhibit 13)
- Report on District Alignment to the Essential Principles of Effective Evaluation (Exhibit 14)
- Report on the State Board Operated Programs (Exhibit 15)
- Update on Governmental Affairs (Exhibit 16)
- Report on Financially Stressed School Districts and Charter Schools (Exhibit 17)
- Agenda Items for Two Months in Advance of Current Meeting (Exhibit 18)



No. 12668  
Adjournment  
(10/27/2015)

It was moved by Mr. Herschend, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to adjourn the open session meeting of the State Board of Education at 3:23 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2015. The next meeting of the State Board of Education will be held on December 1, 2015 in Jefferson City.

Motion carried. (Yes: 7)

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President

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Executive Assistant